

# Arrest Affidavit / First Appearance Form

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OBTS Number:		Agency ORI:	
Court Case Number:	Arrest Code: FELONY	Agency Case Number: S1102S100	
Name (LFM): BANNISTER JAMES EDWARD		DOB: 06/21/80	M   B   5'8"   150   BLK   BRO
Mailing Address: 2304 NE 32ND PLACE OCALA FL 34479		Scars Marks Tattoos:	
Street Address: SAME		Phone:	POB: PA
		Alias:	
POE: NONE		POE Phone:	SSN:
		Occupation:	
		Veh Towed By: N/A	Veh Hold:
DL Number: BS23-44S-80-221-0		Veh Hold Agency:	
Arrest Suffix: 01	Arrest Date: 08-11-11	Arrest Time: 0400	
Arrest Location: MCSO CENTRAL		Citizen: YES	Residence: COUNTY

## CHARGES

DESCRIPTION	Counts	Activity	Type	NCIC	CIS	Statute	Bond Amount	Bond Sched
MURDER, PREMEDITATED	4	N/A	N/A			782.04(1)	NONE	Y
ARSON	1	N/A	N/A			806.01	\$50000.	Y

Indication of:		Alcohol: NO		Drug: NO		Weapon Seized: NO		Juvenile Disposition:	
Jail Log: (To be completed by booking officer)							Jail Inmate #:		
Date Booked:		Time Booked:		Booking Officer:			Fingerprinted By:		
Photographed By:		Bin Number:		Advised of Rights By:					
Check for Warrants: <input type="checkbox"/> NCIC <input type="checkbox"/> PCIC <input type="checkbox"/> Local		Holds: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Agency of Hold:					
Attorney (if known):		Religion:		Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> Se					
Telephone call logged: Time AM PM # ( )									
Next Of Kin:			Relation:			Relation Phone:			
Relation Address:									
Bond Date:		Returnable Court Date:		Returnable Court Time:		Release Date:			
Release Time: AM/PM		Releasing Officer:		Bond, Charge A:			Charge B:		
Charge C:		Charge D:		Charge E:		Bond Type: <input type="checkbox"/> ROR <input type="checkbox"/> SURETY <input type="checkbox"/> CASH			
Name Address of Bondsman:						<input type="checkbox"/> BAIL BOND <input type="checkbox"/> CERT <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Approving Officer Signature: _____									

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Defendant Name: BANNISTER	JAMES EDWARD	DOB: 06/21/80

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT:

(Specify probable cause for each charge)

Before Me, the undersigned authority personally appeared Det. M.B. Diaz #1715 who being duly sworn, alleges, on information and belief, that on the 5 day of August, 2011 in Marion County County, Florida the defendant did:

ON 08-05-11, A 9-1-1 CALL WAS RECEIVED INDICATING A HOUSE FIRE. UPON RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING UNITS ARRIVING AT THE SCENE, S366 N.W. 5TH STREET, OCALA, MARION COUNTY, THE BODIES OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS WERE RETRIEVED FROM THE HOUSE. FOUND DEAD WITHIN THE HOME WERE BRIDGET GRAY (S2YOA), JOCALYN GRAY (27YOA), CORDARRIAN HILL (BYOA), AND CORDARICA HILL (6YOA). AUTOPSY RESULTS REVEALED THAT EACH HAD BEEN SHOT BY A FIREARM.

THE SCENE WAS LATER SEARCHED BY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, DETECTIVES, AND FORENSIC PERSONNEL, AND PROJECTILES WERE RECOVERED FROM THE HOME. THESE PROJECTILES WERE EXAMINED BY FDLE AND WERE DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN FIRED BY EITHER A .38 CALIBER OR .357 CALIBER HANDGUN, BOTH OF WHICH ARE TYPICALLY REVOLVERS.

IT WAS LEARNED THAT BRIDGET GRAY LIVED IN THIS HOME WITH THE CHILDREN CORDARRIAN AND CORDARICA, AND THAT JOCALYN HAD BEEN INVITED OVER TO THE HOME VIA TELEPHONE BY HER MOTHER BRIDGET BECAUSE SOMEONE WAS AT THE HOME THAT WISHED TO SEE HER. JOCALYN THEN CALLED HER SISTER LASHAWNA GRAY AND TOLD HER WHAT SHE WAS DOING, AT WHICH TIME LASHAWNA CALLED HER MOTHER BRIDGET, AND BRIDGET ALSO ASKED HER TO COME OUT TO HER HOUSE, BECAUSE THERE WAS SOMEONE THERE THAT WISHED TO SEE HER. LASHAWNA STATED THAT SHE ASKED WHO THE PERSON WAS, AND HER MOTHER WOULD NOT TELL HER. SHE STATED THAT SHE THEN HAD FURTHER TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH JOCALYN, WHO ENDED UP DRIVING TO THE MOTHER'S HOUSE, S366 N.W. 5TH STREET, OCALA, ALONG WITH HER THREE CHILDREN.

DETECTIVES SPOKE TO ONE OF THE CHILDREN OF JOCALYN, WHO STATED THAT SHE WATCHED AS HER MOTHER WENT TO THE FRONT DOOR AND AS THE DOOR OPENED, SHE SAW A YELLOW AND WHITE FLASH, HEARD A BANG, AND WATCHED AS HER MOTHER FELL IMMEDIATELY TO THE GROUND, HALF IN AND HALF OUT OF THE HOUSE. JOCALYN'S BODY WAS THEN DRUG INTO THE HOME AND THE DOOR CLOSED. THE CHILD STATED THAT SHE SOON SAW FLAMES COMING FROM THE HOUSE AND STAYED IN THE TRUCK WITH THE TWO OTHER CHILDREN UNTIL NEIGHBORS CAME AND TOOK THEM FROM THE TRUCK DUE TO THE FIRE ENGULFING PORTIONS OF THE HOME.

DETECTIVES SPOKE WITH JOCALYN GRAY'S BOYFRIEND, JAMES BANNISTER, AND LEARNED THAT THEY LIVE TOGETHER AND HAVE A CHILD TOGETHER. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH DETECTIVE ON 08-11-11, WHEN ASKED WHERE HE WAS WHILE JOCALYN HAD GONE TO HER MOTHER'S HOME, HE STATED THAT HE WAS AT DEER RUN, 400 N.E. 28TH STREET, AND AT HOME, 2304 N.E. 32ND PLACE, OCALA. BANNISTER ALSO INDICATES THAT HE WAS IN POSSESSION OF HIS PHONE DURING THE TIME OF THE MURDER.

THESE RECORDS INDICATE, THAT DURING THE TIME OF THE MURDER, JAMES BANNISTER'S PHONE WAS IN FACT IN THE AREA OF BRIDGET GRAY'S RESIDENCE.

ON 08-11-11, A WITNESS CAME FORWARD AND MADE CONTACT WITH THE MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STATING THAT HE IS A PERSON WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO THE DEFENDANT, JAMES BANNISTER. DURING A DISCUSSION, THE DEFENDANT INDICATED THAT HE WAS WORRIED THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT MAY TRY TO BLAME THE HOMICIDES ON HIM. THE WITNESS STATED TO BANNISTER THAT HE SHOULDN'T WORRY, BECAUSE HIS PHONE RECORDS WOULD SHOW THAT HE WAS NOT AT THE LOCATION, PROVING HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CRIMES. THE WITNESS STATED THAT THE DEFENDANT THEN BEGAN TO TELL HIM THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHY HE DID IT, THAT IT ALL SEEMS LIKE A BLUR, AND THAT HE WAS NOT IN HIS RIGHT MIND. THE DEFENDANT EXPLAINED THAT HE GOT INTO HIS CAR AND DROVE TO BRIDGET'S HOUSE, THAT HE THEN GOT JOCALYN TO COME THERE, AND THAT IT WAS LIKE HE WAS PLAYING A VIDEO GAME, BUT THAT HE COULD NOT STOP. THE DEFENDANT ADMITTED THAT THE MURDER WEAPON WAS A .38 CALIBER WEAPON, AND THAT HE HAD SINCE DISPOSED OF THAT WEAPON. THE WITNESS STATED THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS CRYING WHILE SPEAKING OF THE DETAILS OF THE CRIME. THE DEFENDANT ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE WITNESS BECOME HIS ALIBI FOR THE TIME OF THE MURDERS. THE DEFENDANT THEN ASKED THE WITNESS TO RESEARCH HIS PHONE COMPANY, METRO PCS, TO DETERMINE IF LAW ENFORCEMENT COULD LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT HIS LOCATION AT THE TIME OF THE MURDERS. THE

WITNESS STATED THAT HE IS AWARE THAT BANNISTER HAS OWNED A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER, BUT DURING THEIR CONVERSATIONS, THE DEFENDANT STATED THAT HE HAD DISPOSED OF THAT GUN.

THE WITNESS WAS THEN OUTFITTED WITH RECORDING EQUIPMENT AND MET WITH THE DEFENDANT AT HIS HOME. DURING THIS MEETING, THE WITNESS AND THE DEFENDANT SPEAK ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE WITNESS' RESEARCH OF THE DEFENDANT'S CELL PHONE COMPANY'S TRACKING AND LOCATION CAPABILITIES. THE DEFENDANT STATES THAT HE HAD SMOKED NUMEROUS BLUNTS OF SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA LACED WITH COCAINE. HE INDICATES THAT JOCALYN WAS HIS WORLD, AND THEN LATER STATES THAT "I JUST TOOK MY WORLD". THE DEFENDANT MADE NUMEROUS STATEMENTS ABOUT WHAT HE WOULD DO WITH HIS LIFE IF HE GETS AWAY WITH THIS CRIME.


THE DEFENDANT IS CHARGED WITH FOUR COUNTS OF MUDER FOR UNLAWFULLY KILLING 4 HUMAN BEINGS, PERPETRATED FROM A PREMEDITATED DESIGN, AND ARSON, FOR WILLINGLY AND UNLAWFULLY DAMAGING A DWELLING BY FIRE.

SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED before me

this 11 day of August

2001

  
AFFIANT

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Notary Public - Certified Officer  
(circle one)

  
ARRESTING AGENCY

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